

## House Resolution No. 1320

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

**Whereas**, a period of sixty-one wondrous years has passed since Raymond "Red" Norris lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Lou Simpson, during a solemn ceremony on March 4, 1947, in Van Buren, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Red and Mary Lou Norris have had the pleasure of raising three children, Gloria Larivee, Gary Norris, and Pam Crass, and the privilege of spoiling four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Red Norris has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being the forty-five-year owner of Norris Truck Sales in Fremont, a veteran of the United States Navy, and a member of numerous clubs, organizations, boards, and committees, just a few of which include, the School Board, the Ozark Planning Commission, the University Extension Center, the American Legion, the VFW, and the Masonic Lodge, of which he is a 32nd degree member; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mary Lou Norris has further distinguished herself by working for twenty-six years in the Fremont and Van Buren school districts, serving as Secretary/Treasurer of the First Baptist Church, and being a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Health Center Board, and the Sheltered Workshop Board; and

**Whereas**, during their sixty-one years together, Red and Mary Lou Norris have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Norris of Fremont commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixty-first Wedding Anniversary on March 2, 2008:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Red and Mary Lou Norris and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Norris, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mike Dethrow  
District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1320, adopted March 31, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker